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Situation Report No. VI

Situation in Guyana as of 0700 Hours (EST), November 20, 1978

The Guyanese Government has now given final clearance for the two helicopters that are part of the assistance package it requested and has established a cabinet level Crisis Committee to handle the Peoples Temple calamity. The Committee is headed by Minister of Health, Housing, and Labor Hamilton Green and includes the Ministers of Foreign and Home Affairs. Green is known as a dynamic, capable administrator. Ambassador Burke is working closely with the Committee which is now considering our offer of medical helicopter evacuation and graves registration units, including up to 12 helicopters. An early answer is expected, and the National Military Command Center is preparing to have the units ready to move quickly.

John Bushnell, ARA Director,
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